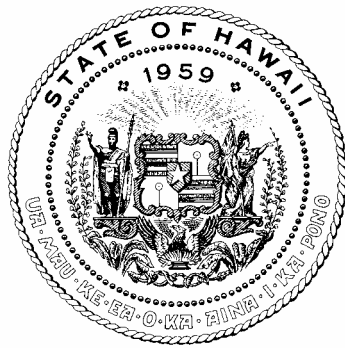


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PURPOSE

This report complies with Section 4 of Act 82, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2003. Act 82, SLH 2003, mandates that the risk assessment working group, established under the Act, shall submit a report of its recommendations and of the consultation provided to the board of land and natural resources under this Act, including a list of warning signs, devices, and systems on improved and unimproved public lands subsequently approved or disapproved by the board, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session.

ACTIONS TO DATE

The members of the Risk Assessment Working Group (RAWG) (Appendix 1) have met three times. They have reviewed ocean safety signs from Act 190, SLH 1996, as well the most current warning sign standards from the American National Standards Institute. Using the most current national sign standards, the RAWG has designed safety signs to address the following priority natural hazards: flash floods, falling rocks, hazardous cliffs, submerged hazards (no jumping or diving) as well as management signs (end of trail, end of road, area closed). The RAWG has also drafted sign placement guidelines to accompany these signs. These signs and placement guidelines will be presented to small focus groups on each island to confirm their effectiveness of the sign designs and the specific pictograms (symbols) on each sign. The RAWG will analyze the public comments, make modifications as needed, and will present its formal recommendations to the Board of Land and Natural Resources in early 2004.

Appendix 1

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